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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM TEHRAN DTD 03 FEB 1976
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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE SHAH

REF: STATE 024969

THERE FOLLOWS THE SHAH'S RESPONSE TO YOUR MESSAGE OF FEBRUARY
1 (REFTEL): QUOTE DEAR MR. SECRETARY: I THANK YOU FOR YOUR
MESSAGE OF 1ST FEBRUARY 1976 WHICH YOU HAVE ADDRESSED TO ME
ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT FORD.(PARAGRAPH) I WAS GLAD TO HAVE
AN ASSESSMENT OF YOUR TALKS WITH THE ISRAELIS IN WASHINGTON
AND I CANNOT AGREE MORE WITH THE POINTS WHICH YOU HAVE RAISED
AND STRESSED TO PRIME MINISTER RABIN. AS PRESIDENT FORD AND
YOU YOURSELF HAVE EMPHASIZED, A STALEMATE WOULD BE INTOLERABLE
TO THE OTHER PARTIES CONCERNED IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND WOULD
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ALSO BE DETRIMENTAL TO UNITED STATES POLICY.(PARAGRAPH)

AS FOR THE LEBANON, WE HAVE ALSO TRIED OUR BEST TO MAKE IT
CLEAR TO ALL SIDES IN THE COUNTRY THAT THE CIVIL WAR WOULD
NOT BENEFIT ANYONE AND THAT THE SITUATION HAD CHANGED
SINCE 1943 AND THAT A NEW AND MORE EQUITABLE ATMOSPHERE
SHOULD REIGN IN 1976 IN THE LEBANON. AS A MATTER OF FACT,
I RAISED THIS MATTER WITH PRESIDENT ASSAD MYSELF DURING
HIS RECENT VISIT TO IRAN. IT IS ALSO MY HOPE THAT THE
LATEST CEASEFIRE NOW IN OPERATION IN THE LEBANON WILL CONTINUE
TO PREVAIL DESPITE THE FACT THAT IT APPEARS TO BE FRAGILE
OWING TO THE VERY COMPLICATED AND VARIED PROBLEMS WHICH ARE
SPECIFIC TO THAT COUNTRY.(PARAGRAPH) WITH BEST WISHES
AND REGARDS, SINCERELY, MOHAMMAD REZA PAHLAVI. UNQUOTE.
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